

Arizona Congressional District 2 Communities Benefit From LSTA Funds

Federal funds administered by the Institute of Museum and Library Services provide access to electronic resources and literacy programs for all Arizona citizens. In addition, funds are distributed to community libraries through competitive subgrants.

An example in District 2 was a 2013 subgrant awarded to the Elsie S. Hogan Community Library in Willcox.

Willcox (pop. 3600) was hit hard by the recession. Its unemployment rate of 12.7% in 2013 was one of the worst in the state. But with LSTA funding, the Library was able to help lower the town's unemployment rate significantly. It used LSTA funds to acquire project staff, computers and software to assist job seekers. The Library partnered with the Arizona Workforce Connection and local employers to hold interviews and job fairs.

A total of 146 people were interviewed, and 45 people were hired, thus lowering the town's unemployment rate by a percentage point.



Let's Make! -- Myrtle Kraft Library, Portal



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2013-2016 IMLS LSTA Competitive Subgrants to Arizona Libraries in Congressional District 2

Year	Project Name	Library Name	City	Amount Awarded
2013	Willcox Employment Support Training	ELSIE S. HOGAN COMMUNITY LIBRARY	Willcox	17829
2014	LSTA Collection Enhancement through RFID	DOUGLAS PUBLIC LIBRARY	Douglas	39442
2014	Healthy Educated Living and Life Options	ELSIE S. HOGAN COMMUNITY LIBRARY	Willcox	6100
2014	The Tinkers Toolbox: Create Your World	HUACHUCA CITY PUBLIC LIBRARY	Huachuca City	7290
2015	Little Hands, Big World	HUACHUCA CITY PUBLIC LIBRARY	Huachuca City	10000
2016	Let's Make: Creativity in a Box!	MYRTLE KRAFT LIBRARY	Portal	19075
	TOTAL			99736